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P A R T. B. - I N F OFIRST CHAPTERARMED FORCESGeneral1. - Organization of the Ministry of People's Defence, & Army General Staffa) Ministry of National Defence

Minister: Lt General Beqir BALLUKU. [redacted] in the same Ministry 25X1
serve two more Lt Generals named Rahman PERLAHU and Panajot PLAKU. The second
serves with the Ministry of People's Defence since Jan. 1956. [redacted] 25X1

b) Army General Staff

Chief of the Staff: Lt General Arif HASKO.

Director of the Arty Branch: Colonel Tod NACI; he took over in May 1956 ~~as a successor~~
as a successor of Major General Hylsi SPAHIU; [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] Arif HASKO is chief of Staff from the lessons of military
hierarchy, he attended in the Army.

From Sept. 20 to Sept. 30, 1956, were carried out Defence Maneuvers of the
Korce Brigade, and in charge of this operation was Colonel Tod NOCI. Some officers
discussing with soldiers, said that the a/m colonel serves with the Army General
Staff, and that he is the Director of the Arty Branch.

A R M Y1. - Order of Battlea) Units of the Albanian ArmyInfantry Brigades

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8th Inf. Brigade, stationed in Korce.

5th Inf. Brigade, stationed in GJINOKASTER.

Inf. Brigade(number unknown), stationed in PERMET.

The brigade of PERMET was formed after the disbandment of the Army Units stationed in North Albania, which was completed in April 1956.

soldiers of the a/m 3 brigades all of them are

On June 11, 1956, the following Arty Units were gathered in the area of KAPTINE(DL-3384): Two batteries(a 122 mm. Arty battery, and a 107 mm Mortar Battery) came for each one of the towns KORCE, GJINOKASTER, PERMET, VLONE, KAVAJE, DURRES, TIRANA, SHKODER, and ELBASAN. From POGRADEC came a 76,2 mm.Arty Battery and a 107 mm Mortar Battery. From BERAT came a 107 mm Mortar Battery.

Between these unit was carried out shooting competition.

commander of the PERMET brigade is a Major General named Muhamet BERDANI. Before assuming command of the Permet Brigade, he was commander of the Elbasan Army Corps(He had replaced Major General Hito CAKO).

Independent Inf. Battalions

following independent battalions:

Independent Battalion of ERSEKE

An independent Inf. Battalion is stationed in Erseke.

Since April 1956, the said battalion has been reinforced with two Arty Batteries(Soviet guns 76,2 mm, model 1942), and a Mortar Battery(Soviet Mortars 107 mm).

The said Arty and Mortar batteries(which make an Arty Group) had been transfered to the battalion from the disbanded brigade of BURREL.

Independent Infantry Battalion of POGRADEC

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An Independent Inf. Battalion is stationed in POGRADEC. Prior to the disbandment of the units stationed in North Albania, this battalion had already been reinforced with a 76,2 mm Arty Battery and a 107 mm Mortar Battery. After the disbandment of the a/m units, the Pogradec battalion received additional reinforcement of two 122 mm Arty batteries

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[REDACTED] these battalions are independent, and directly under the Army General Staff.

On July 4, 1956, the Chief of the Army Staff General Arif HASKO inspected the Brigade of Korce, and the independent Inf. Battalions of POGRADEC & ERSEKE. The inspection was carried out separately to each unit, and the Brigade Commander of Korce was not present when the said battalions were inspected by the Chief of the Staff.

[REDACTED] the battalions correspond directly with the Army General Staff, and [REDACTED] their reports are not submitted to the Staff through the HQs of the Brigade.

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[REDACTED] during their training they were told that the battalions in question are directly subordinate to the Army General Staff.

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Other UnitsMedium Arty Rgt of Elbasan

A Medium Arty Rgt has been located in Elbasan. This regiment has ⁴ 4 groups. One of the groups has 3 batteries of 4 guns each, while the other three groups have 2 batteries of 4 guns each. Consequently, the regiment has a total of 36 Arty guns in its strength. [REDACTED] the a/m guns are exactly similar to the Soviet 122 mm short-barrel guns, model 1938, which are illustrated in the book "Guns & equipment used by the enemy". [REDACTED]

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CSG 100-100-100
the commander of the Elbasan

Arty Regiment is a Lt Col.

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the Elbasan Arty Regiment was already encamped for the summer period in the area of KAPTINE. Near to the camp of the Elbasan Arty Regiment had encamped all the other Arty Batteries which had come from North Albania.

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Furthermore, a group of the Elbasan Arty Rgt participated in the maneuvers carried out by the Korce Brigade from 20 to 30 Sept. 1956.

this regiment still exists.

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Mortar Rgt in BERAT

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with the Arty Rgt of Elbasan was encamped the Mortar Rgt of Berat. the Berat Mortar Rgt would remain in that area for the rest of the summer.

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the regiment had 4 groups. One of the groups had 3 batteries while the other 3 groups had 2 batteries only. Each battery was equipped with four 102 mm Soviet Mortars.

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Motored(fast-moving troops) Rgt of BERA

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Certain truck-drivers of the Motored ~~822~~ Rgt of Berat, were transferred to the Inf. Brigade of Korce, in Aug. 1956. These drivers said that in Berat there is a Motored Rgt which had been formed after the re-organization of the Albanian Army, that is, since April 1956, using personnel of the abolished units.

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Signals Rgt of Tirana

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A Signals Rgt has been located in Tirana.

Commander of this Rgt is a Major named Safet (Inu).

Tank Rgt of Tirana

A Tank Rgt has been located in Tirana.

Motored(fast-moving troops) Rgt of Tirana

The 1st Motored Rgt is stationed in Tirana. An Arty Group is attached to this Rgt. The group has 2 Arty batteries equipped with 122 mm. guns. Prior to April 1956, this group had 3 batteries, but after the re-organization of the Albanian Army, one of them was transferred to the Arty Rgt of the Brigade stationed in Korce.

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Commander of the Tirana Motored Rgt is a Lt Col. named Nyslim KETA;

Arty Group of LIBRAZHD (DL-4559)

An Arty Group with two batteries, equipped with 76,2 mm guns, is stationed in LIBRAZHD. Prior to the re-organization of the Albanian Army, in Librazhd there was a 107 mm Mortar Group. Since the re-organization of the Army the Mortar Group has been transferred to the Brigade of Korce. The said Arty unit is to reinforce the Independent Batta-

Inf.

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lion which is stationed in LIBRAZHD.

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soldiers of the a/m Arty Group participated in the maneuvers carried out in the area of KAPTINE (DL-3384), on June 11, 1956.

Arty Units

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Arty Units are located at the following places.

In SHKODER:

it is equipped with 122 mm guns. an Arty battery of the Shkoder unit which participated in the maneuvers of KAPTINE had 122 mm guns.

In DURRES:

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In VLOME:

In KAVAJE:

the Arty units stationed in the a/m towns are equipped with 122 mm guns, from the fact that the Arty batteries dispatched from the a/m places to the maneuvers of KAPTINE were all equipped with 122 mm guns.

2. - Organization & Location of Army Units

a). 8th Brigade(Inf.), Korce

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Location :

the Inf. Brigade of Korce was stationed in the barracks located on the E. side of the road leading from Korce to Erseke, and next to the Moslem cemetery(graveyard) which is located at(DK-813958).

<u>Armament:</u>	Soviet Arty guns, calibre 122 mm (short-barrel), model 1938:	8.
	" A.T. " " 76,2 mm, model 1942 :	8.
	" Mortars " 107 mm, " 1938 :	24.

Out of the 24 Mortars, twelve are assigned to the Arty Rgt. With the other 12 have been formed three Mortar Batteries, of 4 Mortars each, which have been attached to the Inf. Battalions of the brigade. Prior to March 1956, the brigade had one Mortar Battery only; that is, 4 mortars only.

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During the months of March and April 1958, when the units of North Albania were disbanded, the Inf. Brigade of Korce was reinforced with another 20 Mortars, that is 5 more Batteries. One battery came from the disbanded brigade of Burrel, and a group(another battery) was transferred from the LIBRAZHD; [redacted] 25X1

[redacted]
[redacted]
-Soviet rifles 7,62 mm, model 1891/30 [redacted]

- " " " " 1944: With this type of rifles were equipped the gunners the signals personnel, and the men of the other special services of the Brigade.

-Soviet light machine guns, caliber 7,62 mm, type D.P.

" sub-machine " " " " P.P.S.H., model 1941.

" heavy machine " " " " GORIONOV, " 1943, in replacement of the Soviet machine guns, type MAXIM, formerly used by the Albanian Army.

-Soviet A.A. machine guns, calibre 12,7 mm, type D.S.H.K., model 1938: 18.

-Anti-tank projectors, assigned to the battalions of the brigade. [redacted] 25X1

they are of a Czech. make [redacted]

-Mortars(Soviet), calibre 82 mm. [redacted]

Transportation Equipment

The brigade has the following transport, equipment:

-A sedan car assigned to the commander of the Brigade.

-Soviet trucks, type Z.I.S 150, and Z.I.S. 151. The Z.I.S. 151 are used for towing 25X1

Arty guns [redacted]

[redacted] about 100 to 110 of them are stored in parking sheds. 25X1

Out of the 110 stored vehicles, 30 belong to the Arty Rgt of the Brigade.

-Soviet Jeeps: 3 ea. They belong to the Arty Rgt.

-Soviet m/cs w/side car: 15 each.

-Mules [redacted] 25X1

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Strength

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2,000 men.

Training

The men of the brigade are engaged with training every day.

Organization of the Brigade

The Korce Inf. Brigade has the following sub-units:

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-Staff Office

[redacted] to this office belong the commander and the deputy-commander of the brigade. Up to Dec. 1955, instead of a deputy-commander there was a Commissar. In Dec. 1955 the title of the Commissar was abolished, and ^{it} was replaced by the deputy-commander.

-Three Inf. Battalions. Out of them, two are stationed in the barracks of Korce, and the third in BILISHT.

-Arty Rgt.

-Signals Coy.

-Reconnaissance Coy.

-Engineers Coy.

-Chemical Warfare Coy, which has a strength of 50 men. Up to March 1956 this was a platoon

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-NCOs Training Battalion

[redacted] the men of the chemical warfare coy were graduates of the Unike school.

Commander

Commander of the brigade up to March 1956 was a Lt Col. named Muharem KOKOMANI. Now he is in Soviet Union for training. Colonel Bako DERVISHI assumed command of the brigade since March 1956.

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b) Arty Rgt of the Korce Brigade

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Organization

Up to March 1956, the Brigade of Korce had an Arty group of 4 batteries, as follows:

- 1) Arty battery equipped with guns of the calibre 122 mm.
- 2) " " " " " " " " 76,2mm,
- 3) A.T. Arty Battery.
- 4) Mortar Battery equipped with 107mm Mortars.

During the months of March and April 1956 the a/m batteries became Arty groups, and the Arty group of Korce became a Rgt. The new regiment was formed by shifting Arty units from North Albania. Thus, one Arty battery equipped with 122mm guns was transferred to Korce from the Arty group of the Tirana Motored Rgt. This battery, with the 122mm battery which was already in Korce, formed the 122 mm Arty group of the Korce Arty Rgt. From the brigade of Shkoder was transferred to Korce an Arty battery equipped with 76,2 mm guns, which joined the 76,2 mm. battery of Korce and formed together another Arty group. From the disbanded brigade of Burrel was transferred to Korce an A.T. battery which joined the A.T. battery of Korce and formed together the A.T. Arty Group of the Arty Rgt. From the Mortars Group of LIBRAZHD were transferred two batteries equipped with 107 mm mortars; the said batteries joined the Mortar battery of the Korce Brigade, and formed together the 107mm Mortar Group of the Arty Rgt.

Location: The Arty Rgt of the Korce brigade is stationed in the barracks located E. of the road leading from Korce to Erseke, and next to the Moslem cemetery (graveyard), which is located at DK-813958.

Armament: Soviet Arty guns, caliber 122 mm (short-barrel), model 1938: 8 ea.
 " A.T. guns " 76,2 mm " 1942: 8 ea.
 " A.A. " (type & calibre unknown): 8 ea.
 " Mortars, calibre 107 mm, model 1938: 12 ea.
 " rifles, " 7,62 mm, " 1944: Number unknown.
 " sub-machine guns, " PPSH, model 1941: " "

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Transportation Equipment

The Arty Rgt has the following means of transportation:

Each ~~Arty~~ Arty Group, except the 107 mm Mortar Group, has 16 trucks type Z.I.S.151²⁵ and 9 Z.I.S. 150. The Z.I.S. 151 are for the towing of the guns. Out of the ~~26~~ trucks, eight Z.I.S. ~~151~~ and 2 Z.I.S. 150 are stored(deadlined).

Thus, the regiment has a total of 48 Z.I.S. 151 and 27 Z.I.S. 150.

Furthermore, the regiment~~s~~ has 3 jeeps(Soviet make), and an unknown number of mules assigned to the 107 mm Mortar Battery.

Strength

The Arty group to which he

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belonged, had 18-20 officers and 110 enlisted men.

Training

The men of the regiment were continuously engaged with training.

Organization

The Arty Rgt had the following sub-units:

- Staff Office: (Commander, Staff-Officer, Operations' officer, Reconnaissance Officer, Commander of the Signals Service, Regular NCOs serving as clerks).
- Platoon attached to the Staff office of the Rgt(Toga e Shtabit Artileria). This platoon consists of a platoon commander(Lt), 4 topographers(privates), 6 radio-operators, 6 telephone operators, and three men for reconnaissance.
- Four Groups. Out of these groups, three have 2 batteries of 4 guns each, and the fourth has 3 batteries equipped with 107 mm Mortars. The other 3 groups have the following type of guns:

Arty Group equipped with 122mm Arty guns.

"	"	"	"	76,2	"	"
2	"	"	"	A.A.	"	"

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Organization of an Arty Group

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this group has the following sub-units:

- Staff Office (Commander, Deputy-Commander, Staff-Officer, C.P. Officer, Reconnaissance officer, Technical Officer, and Youth Officer).
- Platoon attached to the Staff Office (Platoon commander, 6 telephone operators, 4 radio operators, 2 observers, 1 topographer, and two drivers).
- Two Arty Batteries (Commander, Deputy Commander, and a Platoon attached to the battery which consists of the Platoon Commander, 4 telephone operators, 2 radio operators, 1 topographer, 2 observers and a truck-driver).
- Two Arty Platoons organized as follows:
 - Platoon Commander
 - Two guns serviced by 8 men each (Chief-gunner, gunner, asst-gunner, and 5 ammunition porters).

Furthermore each battery has 5-6 drivers for the trucks towing the guns.

Commander

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Commander of the Arty Rgt is Lt Col. Bajram RIZA.

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4. -- Traininga). Important Military Maneuver

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Defence Exercise carried out by the Brigade of Korce

On Sept. 9, 1956, at 0100 hrs, the ~~trumpets~~ in the barracks of Korce gave the alarm signal. The units got ready to leave and at 0300 they took-off, leaving the barracks. The Arty battery(122 mm) [redacted] followed the road leading to Erseke for about 2 km, and then abandoned the road and ~~the~~ guns ~~about~~ had the camouflaged at a position located about 300 m. W. of the road. 25X1

[redacted] fields located nearby the village PULAHE(DK-7488). 25X1

To the same fields came all the sub-units of the brigade, except the battalion of BILISHT, and the Arty Group(122 mm) of the Elbasan Arty Rgt which participated in the maneuvers of the brigade. The entire brigade was encamped there and remained camouflaged until 1900 to 2000 hrs of Sept. 25, 1956. 25X1

[redacted] the Inf. Battalion of BILISHT was placed on the heights located South and West of DARDHE(DK-855856), forming a defensive line. The observation post of the the said Inf. battalion was on the height 1483 (Shen Pjeter) located at DK-856849. The observation post of the Arty Group commander was at the same place [redacted] the troops of the said battalion kept the a/m heights up to 1900 hrs(Sept 29, 1956), and then they were withdrawn about 1000 m. N.W. of DARDHE. At 0500 hrs, of Sept. 30, 1956, the battalion carried out a counter-attack and returned to previous position. At 1000 hrs, of Sept. 30, 1956, the exercise was completed, and at 1200 o'clock the Inf. Battalion of Bilisht went back to BILISHT, and the Arty Group as well as the other units of the brigade were 25X1

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gathered at the same place from which the exercise had begun (FULAHE).

On Sept. 30, 1956, in the evening, the brigade returned to Korce.

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during the maneuvers, the other sub-units of the brigade
Elbasan
(the other two inf. battalions, the Arty group 76,2 mm, the Arty Group 122 mm,
the A.A. Arty group, and the Mortar group 107 mm, were established in the area of
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The whole operation was directed by the Arty Branch Director of the Army General Staff Tod NACI. The Minister of People's Defence Beqir BALLUKU and two Soviet Major Generals watched the above described maneuvers.

Officers sent from the battalions of POGRADEC and ERSEKE, as well as some others sent from the Army General Staff, watched the maneuvers and acted as arbitrators.

the a/m officers were assigned to
the infantry and Arty units (one officer in each coy), and during the performance of the maneuvers they watched the movements of the units carefully, and kept notes. The officers who participated in the said maneuvers held a meeting in the motion pictures theater of the Korce Brigade, where they carried out a critique of the maneuvers. Important maneuvers carried out in the area of LOZHAN.

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On June 28, 1956, the Signals Rgt of Tirana, as well as all the Signal Units of the Albanian Army (down to the signal platoon of Arty Batteries & Inf. Battalions), were gathered in the area nearby the village LOZHAN DK-622076 (at the point where the river SELCE - DL-616082 pours into the river of DEVOLL), with all their signals equipment. From the 28th up to the 30th of June, the personnel of the units installed a telephone net connecting the hills of the area located South of the road LOZHAN - MALIQ (DL-7307) with those located in the area where the river SELCE pours into DEVOLL. On June 30, 1956, arrived to the a/m place the Minister of People's Defence Beqir BALLUKU accompanied by the Chief of the Army General Staff Arif HASKO, certain Generals, and different other high ranking and subaltern officers of the Army General Staff and the Ministry of People's Defence

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a Soviet General accompanied by a group of Colonels,

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as well as various commanders of Albanian Units accompanied by the officers of their Staff. [redacted] 25X1

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On July 1, 1956, the unit commanders with their Staff Officers were established to the different hills of the a/m area (South of the road LOZHAN - MALIQ), while the HQS of the Ministry of People's Defence and the Army General Staff were established in the area where the river of SELCE pours into the river of DEVOLL. After that, begun the exercise which lasted up to the noon-time of July 8, 1956. 25X1

[redacted] the HQs of the units were connected with the General HQs receiving and sending cryptographic (in cipher) messages.

Albanian Arty Units shooting Competition

On June 11, 1956, in the area of KAPTINE (DL-3384, where the Arty Rgt of Elbasan and the Mortar Rgt of BERAT had encamped for the summer period, were gathered Arty Batteries representing the Arty Units of the following towns: KORCE, GJINOKASTER, PERMET, VLONE, KAVAJE, DURRES, TIRANA, SHKODER and ELBASAN. Each one of the a/m towns had sent a 122 mm and a 76,2 mm battery. The Arty unit of POGRADEC had sent a 76,2 Arty Battery and a 107mm Mortar Battery. From the town of BERAT came a 107 mm Mortar Battery. Between these units begun a shooting (firing against targets) competition which lasted from the 11th up to the 22nd of June.

When the competition was over, the Berat Mortar Battery was classified first, and commanding officer of this unit won the premium of 10.000 lek. A premium of 5.000 lek was given to the officers of the same unit, a medal to each soldier of the battery, and the flag of the republic to the regiment of Berat to which the battery belonged.

Second came the 122 mm Arty Battery of GJINOKASTER. The commanding officer of this battery won the premium of 5000 lek. A premium of 2.500 lek was given to the officers of the battery, and a diploma (a document bestowing honor) to the Arty Rgt to which the honored battery belonged. The competition was watched by the Minister of People's Defence, two other Generals [REDACTED], the Arty Director of [REDACTED] 25X1 the Army General Staff Colonel Tod NACI, two Russian Generals, two Russian Colonels and an Arty Lt Col who serves in the Arty Directorate of the Army General Staff.

Training of Enlisted Men

There are no Recruits Basic Training Centers. The training of the recruits is carried out to the units to which they are assigned. [REDACTED]

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5. - Recruiting Service

a) Calling up Recruits

It is rumored that the recruits, remainders of the military class 1937 will be called up during the period between 25 Oct. to 9 Nov. 1956. The recruits of this class, who were selected for the Border Guard Service, joined the Army in August.

6. - Propaganda and Political Indoctrination

The political indoctrination of the Albanian Armed Forces personnel is included in the training program of the Albanian Army. Meetings of political indoctrination are held twice per week and they last for two hours each time. Formerly it was carried out by the Commissars of the units and the sub-units, but now the deputy-commander of the unit is in charge of this kind of training.

Besides the regular hours, included in the program of political agitation, every morning after the breakfast, and every evening after dinner, the troops are gathered for a couple of hours to attend lectures made by officers of privates, members of the C.P., who explained to the men the news published in the news-papers.

7. - A D M I N.

a) Uniforms and Basic Military Equipment

Equipment issued upon enlistment

The following equipment is issued to a recruit upon his enlistment:

A summer or a winter uniform, according to the season.

A pair of boots.

Pieces of cloth instead of socks.

A shirt.

Two pairs of drawers.

Two towels.

A top coat.

A cap.

Two belts.

A bag (knap-sack).

Food container.

Water Container.

b) Recreation

During their tour of service the men of the Albanian Army are not entitled to get any annual leave. Such leave is given in emergency cases only (serious sickness or death in the family of a soldier), and sometimes it is given to the very good soldiers in order to promote emulation.

8. - Military equipment

a) Armament & Ammunition

Small Arms

Soviet rifles 7,62 mm, model 1891/30, carried by the men of the infantry service.

Soviet carbine, 7,62 mm, model 1944, carried by the gunners and soldiers of the other special services.

Soviet sub-machine guns, 7,62, model PPSH-1941.

" light machine gun, 7,62, type D.P.

" heavy machine gun, 7,62 mm, type GORIONOV, model 1943. This machine guns were replaced by the Soviet MAXIM machine guns.

" A.A. guns (type & calibre unknown).

Soviet Mortar, 107 mm, model 1938.

Soviet A/T guns, 76,2 mm, model 1942.

Soviet A/T projector(two different type & calibre unknown to informant).

b) Signals Equipment

The 122 mm Arty Group of the Arty Rgt of Korce(this regiment is under the Korce Brigade), was equipped with ⁴ Soviet wireless sets type R.B.M.

When this set is used as a radio-telephone has a range of 35.000 m; this range is increased to 50 km when it is used as a radio-telegraph.

The 4 wireless set of the a/m Arty Group are distributed as follows:

One set was assigned to each one of the two batteries, and the other two were kept in the HQs of the Group. [redacted] the Arty Rgt and the Brigade of Korce

had the same type of wireless sets, but he does not know how many sets they have.

Furthermore, the Korce Arty Rgt has a big wireless set type R.S.B. mounted on a vehicle (mobile radio unit). [redacted]

[redacted] during the maneuvers of LOZHAN (28 June to 8 July 1956), the Signals Rgt of Tirana was equipped with 30 vehicles carrying R.S.B. wireless sets, and a great number of R.B.M. sets. The Arty Group of the Korce Brigade has 17 Soviet telephone sets, type T.T. 43, distributed to its sub-units as follows:

Each battery of this group was equipped with 4 telephone sets; the remaining 9 sets were ~~used~~ used by the HQs of the Arty Group. Furthermore the Arty Group had 23 Soviet reels of telephone cable, type P.T.F2; each reel contains 800 m. of cable.

[redacted] the a/m units used the same type of cable. Furthermore, it was said that the Albanian Army is using German type of

20 telephone switch-boards.

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9. - Military Installations

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a). Barracks of Korce

Subject barracks are located on the Eastern side of the road leading from KORCE to Erseke, and immediately next to the Moslem cemetery, which is located at DK-813958. The barracks consist of 12 single-story, stone-constructed buildings, having arched roofs, covered with tiles. They are all of the same dimensions, that

is 100 x 10 x 6 m.

Three 3-story and stone-constructed buildings of equal dimensions, having arched roofs covered with tiles.

In these buildings are quartered the Commands of the Brigade and the Arty Regiment. Two single-story and stone-constructed buildings, having arched roofs covered with tiles, serving as cook-houses.

Two similar sheds. In one of them are quartered the 122mm Arty Group, and the 76,2 mm Arty Group. In the other are quartered the following units:

- 1) 107 mm. Mortar Battery of the Arty Rgt.
- 2) Two Arty Batteries attached to the Inf. Battalions.
- 3) The A.A. Arty Group of the Arty Rgt.

Furthermore in the area of the barracks there are two stables for the mules of the brigade, and a parking shed for the vehicles of the Brigade and the Arty Rgt.

The a/m 12 buildings are used for the lodging of the brigade troops (two inf. Battalions and the Arty Rgt), and some of them are used as warehouses for clothing, etc.

Exactly opposite to the a/m barracks (on the West side of the road leading from Korce to Erseke), there is another shed for the deadlined vehicles of the brigade.

In the same shed is the Vehicle Repair Workshop of the brigade too.

Water and electricity is available from the main installation of the town of Korce. The area of the barracks is surrounded by a wall 4 m. high

The parking shed with the deadlined vehicles, which is located

opposite to the barracks, is surrounded with a barbed-wire fence. Drums of fuel and lubricants are stored in the open, within the court-yard.

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The barracks are in day time guarded by a sentry placed at the main gate. Another sentry is assigned to the parking shed located opposite to the barracks.

At night patrols are assigned in addition to the a/m sentries.

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the capacity of the above described barracks is not only sufficient for the troops of the brigade, but there is room in them for other units too.

b) Ammunition Depots

Ammunition Depot in MBORJE

On the South bank of the river which passes from the North end of the village MBORJE (DK-836950), there is a single-story and stone-constructed building with arched roof covered with red tiles. the dimensions of this building are 18 x 8 x 4 m., and it is surrounded with 4 successive fences of barbed wire. In this building are stored Arty and Mortar shells for the units of the Korce Brigade. A guard post of 3 soldiers and an NCO is daily dispatched to this depot from the brigade of Korce. The depot is day and night guarded by a sentry.

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Ammunition Depot in SHEN - THANAS

At SHEN-THANAS (DK-827965) there is a single-story and stone-constructed building with arched roof covered with red tiles. The dimensions of this building are 18x8x4 m. and it serves as a depot for Arty, Mortar, and small arms ammunitions.

The building is surrounded with four successive fences of barbed wire, and it is guarded by a post of 3 soldiers and an NCO.

Ammunition Depots in the area of LOZHAN

About 100 m. N.E. of LOZHAN (DK-622068), and on the West side of the ravine located East of LOZHAN, there are two single-story and stone-constructed buildings with arched roof, covered with red tiles. Each one of the a/m buildings is 15 x 6 x 4 m. and they are both surrounded with barbed-wire fences. These buildings are used by the Korce Brigade as ammunition depots. Arty ammunition is stored in one of them, and A/T mines, used by the Engineers Service, in the other.

Furthermore, there is a third building 4x3x3 m. which serves as a guard-post.

About 1000 m. N.W. of the bridge (DL-614080) located on DEVOLL river there are

6 more single-story buildings , of the same construction and dimensions as the above. These buildings are ~~also~~ surrounded with four successive fences of barbed-wire and they are used as depots by the Korce Brigade.

In the same area there is single-story building, of the same construction as above, which serves as a guard post; the dimensions of this building are 8x6x3 m.

Two, out of the six depots described above, contain Arty Shells for the Korce Brigade.

[redacted] 20 soldiers of the Korce^{25X1}

brigade had been sent to the a/m Depots, on 18 to 23 May 1956, to unload vehicles transporting Arty shells and mines from the port of DURRES.

[redacted] about^{25X1}

120 trucks(4 ton Z.I.S.), and the Arty Shells and mines [redacted] were stored in the² depots located N.W. of LOZHAN. ^{25X1}

[redacted] the other 4 depots [redacted] contain ^{25X1}

ammunition of the Korce Brigade.

The transportation of ammunition from Durres was carried out even after the 23 of May.

[redacted] soldiers were sent to continue the ^{25X1}

unloading of the trucks; the transportation of ammunition was completed on June 18, 56,

[redacted] and it was stored into the other ^{25X1}

depots of the same area. ~~At~~ Machine guns and other small arms ammunition was stored ^{25X1}

in these depots [redacted] soldiers of the Korce Brigade [redacted] had been sent to unload trucks transporting ammunition from the port of Durres to the depots in question. ^{25X1}

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10. - Personalities

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a). Commander of the Brigade of Permet: Major General Muhamet BERDANI

b). Tirana Signals Regiment

Commander: Major Safet (lmu).

c). Motored (fast moving) Rgt of Tirana

Commander: Lt Col. Myslim KETA.

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d). 8th Inf. Brigade, KORCE

Commander: Colonel Bako DERVISHI.

Deputy Commander: Col. Rapi LEKA.

Commander of the Arty Rgt: Lt Col. Bajram RIZA.

Staff Officer of the Arty Rgt: Cpt A' Arian QIRIAKO.

Operations Officer of the Arty Rgt: Cpt B' Guri (lmu).

[REDACTED]

Reconnaissance Officer of the Arty Rgt: Major Sotir (lmu).

[REDACTED]

Signals Officer of the Arty Rgt: Cpt B' Llambi DAMA.

[REDACTED]

Group
Commander of the Arty ~~Battalion~~ (122 mm): Cpt A' Bari AVDA(or AVDI)

[REDACTED]

Deputy Commander of the Arty Group: Cpt A' Vasil TOSI.

[REDACTED]

Staff officer of the Group: Cpt B' Qamil KOCIU.

[REDACTED]

Reconnaissance officer of the Group: Cpt B' Alush REFATLANI.

[REDACTED]

Technical Officer of the Group: Cpt B' Kol TOSI.

[REDACTED]

C.P. Officer of the Group: Second Lt Vangjel (lmu)

[REDACTED]

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Commander of the 1st Battery of the 1st Army Group: Cpt B' Vangjel TRAMO, from Korce.

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Deputy Commander of the 1st Battery: First Lt Jup LAPI.

Commander of the 1st Platoon: Second Lt Rapush CACI.

Commander of the 2nd Platoon: Second Lt Niko DERDALI.

Commander of the 2nd Battery: Cpt B' Adil SHEHU.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TROOPS. & PARA-MILITARY ORGANIZATIONSLABOR TROOPS1. - Labor units formed by men taken from Army Units

[redacted] after the disbandment of the Albanian Army units which took place in March and April 1956, the riflemen of these units were disarmed and labor units were formed with them. Such labor units were assigned for work to government construction projects, such as construction of hydro-electric plants(MATI), drainage of the TERBIFI swamps(GL-8338), to government operated farms, etc.

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[redacted] gunners of the Arty Units [redacted] were transferred from the disbanded units to those stationed in South Albania.

Security Forces & Special Units2. - State Policea). Reduction in force

[redacted] most of the Police officers and men were discharged since Jan. 1956. The Border Guard Service has in most places taken over the Police duties.

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3. - Personalitiesa). Sigurimi office of BURREL

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Commander: Cpt B' GJOLEKA (fmu)

4. - Para-Military Organizationsa). Armed villagers, residents of LAC (area of BURREL)

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Xhemal LUTFI,

Qamil SULA,

Shaqir "

Rexhep LECI,

SECRET RETURN

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Nezir DALIU,
 Mehmet XHAVERI
 Ali HASANI,
 Ahmet FICORI,
 Dule MANE,
 Sali KLOSHI,
 Haziz KLOSHI,

Nezir LEKA,
 Xhemal RAMA,
 Nel ALIU,
 Sali TROCI,
 Mustafa DANE,
 Selim KLOSHI,

THIRD CHAPTER

INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION.

STATE ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1.- Education

a). Elementary school in the village LAC (DM-168164)

In the village of LAC there is a 4-years elementary school for the pupils of the villages URAKE and LAC. [] number of pupils as 80 to 100. There are 3 school-masters too. The attendance of the elementary school is obligatory and free of any charge.

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2. - Church

a). Village of LAC

[] out of the 800 families living in LAC, 74 are Moslem and the rest Catholic. The Moslems have their Mosque and a Moslem priest but very few inhabitants performed their religious duties.

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3. - Organization of the C.P.

Other Organizations in the village of LAC.

a). ORGANIZATA BAZE (Local C.P. Organization).

Secretary: Xhemal LUTFIU.

Members: Qamil SULA, Shaqir SULA, Rexhep LECI, Shaqir HAXHIU, Xhemal RAMA.

b) People's Council

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Chairman: Rexhep LECI.

Secretary: Mehmet XHAFERI.

Members: Shahin DEMA, Musa ALIU, Xhemal RAMA.

c) Democratic Front OrganizationChief: ~~XXXXXX~~ Rexhep LECI.d) Youth Organization

Secretary: Ymer DUDJA.

FOURTH CHAPTERECONOMIC SITUATIONE C O N O M Y1. - F a r m i n ga) Village of LAC (DM-168164)

[redacted] the farmers of this village have not joined the cooperative, 25X1
but they remain independent farmers. Wheat and corn are mainly cultivated. [redacted]

[redacted] farming production per year [redacted] is not sufficient for

the population. The taxes required per strema ($\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre) of ~~2000~~ cultivated
land are as follows:

8 kgs of wheat.

12 kgs of corn.

3 kgs of meat.

8 eggs.

Wool (quantity required unknown).

In addition to above the farmers are required to pay in cash the so called "profit
tax" [redacted] 25X1

The heavy taxation renders the position of the farmers much more difficult.

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FIFTH CHAPTERCOMMUNICATIONSSECRET NOFORNR o a d s

Road: ELBASAN - GRAMSH(DL-312250) - LOZHAN (DL-622068) - MALIQ(DL-732052) - KORCE.

[redacted] in summer time this road can be used by any type of vehicles. During

the military maneuvers carried out in the area of Lozhan, on June 28, 1956, all the Army trucks which moved from Elbasan to LOZHAN passed from this road.

[redacted] the width of this road is no more than 6 m. Furthermore [redacted]

it was well paved with gravel and pebble stones [redacted]

[redacted]

SIXTH CHAPTERGEOGRAPHIC SITUATIONInfo concerning towns and villages1). Village of LAC (DM-168164).

The village of LAC is inhabited by 80 families(approx.), and has a total of about 500 inhabitants.

Out of the 80 families, 74 are Moslem and the rest Catholic.

Water is received from springs; kerosene lamps are used for light.

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a) Xhensal LUTFIU,

Position: Secretary of the Organizata Baze in LAC.

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b) Rexhep LECI

Position: Chairman of the People's Council in LAC.

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c) Mehmet XHAFERI,

Position: Secretary of the People's Council in LAC.

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d) Ymer DUDJA,

Position: Secretary of the Youth Organization in LAC.

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